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FM AMEMBASSY BOGOTA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 266

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASUP, ASEC
SUBJECT: EARLY REPLACEMENT OF COM VEHICLE, IMV. NO.311002

REF: A. BOGOTA OM DATED OCTOBER 14, 1976, SUBJECT PROCUREMENT
OF LEFTHAND DRIVE VEHICLES IN FY-77.
B. A-4548 DATED SEPTEMBER 13, 1976, SAME SUBJECT.

1. COM OFFICIAL VEHICLE, 1973 CHRYSLER IMPERIAL, HAS
CONSISTENTLY MALFUNCTIONED AND IN GENERAL IS UNRELIABLE BOTH
FROM OPERATIONAL POINT OF VIEW AND ESPECIALLY FROM THE SECURITY
POINT OF VIEW.

2. THE AMBASSADOR TRAVELS QUITE OFTEN OUTSIDE BOGOTA, USING
ON MANY OCCASIONS HIS OFFICIAL VEHICLE. ALTHOUGH ACCOMPANIED
BY AN SY CHASE CAR WITH THREE BODYGUARDS, THE UNRELIABILITY
OF THE CAR TO PERFORM CREATES A SECURITY HAZARD.

3. THE DEPARMENT IS WELL AWARE OF THE SECURITY PROBLEMS IN
COLOMBIA: I.E. KIDNAPINGS, ASSASINATIONS, STUDENT DEMONS-
TRATIONS WHICH WE BELIEVE POSE A CONTINUED THREAT TO USG
OFFICIALS AND ESPECIALLY THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR, WHO,
BY VIRTUE OF HIS POSITION AND HIGH PROFILE, BECOMES
THE NUMBER ONE TARGET OF ALL ANTI-AMERICAN AND ANTI-GOC
DISSIDENT GROUPS.

4. FOR THIS REASON, WE STRONGLY URGE THAT A NEW OFFICIAL
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VEHICLE FOR THE AMBASSASOR BE PROGRAMMED EALIER THAN
THE NORMAL CYCLE OF REPLACEMENT.

5. THIS VEHICLE HAS BEEN OUT OF SERVICE FOR MAJOR
REPAIRS ON 31 OCCASIONS SINCE ITS RECEIPT BY THE POST.
THIS FIGURE DOES NOT INCLUDE OUT OF SERVICE TIME FOR
MINOR REPAIRS AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE. FAILURE OF THE

POWER STEERING PUMP AND AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION NOW SEEMS
IMMINENT. REPLACEMENT PARTS FOR BOTH HAVE BEEN ORDERED
SOMETIME AGO; THE PUMP HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED, AND
ONLY A PARTIAL SHIPMENT OF PARTS FOR THE LATTER HAS BEEN
RECIEVED. EVEN ASSUMED THAT ALL PARTS ARRIVE IN TIME TO
RORESTALL FAILURE THESE ITEMS, PAST MAINTENANCE HISTORY INDICATES
THAT CONTINUED FAILURES MAY BE EXPECTED IN THE FUTURE.
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